

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A cable connector comprising a housing made up of at least two components including a first component and a second component which are movable angularly about an axis of rotation with respect to each other so as to come into contact with each other ~~about an axis of rotation and simultaneously provide~~ for electrically conducting connection, when present therein, of a flat cable having a plurality of bunched conductors with at least one round cable composed of a plurality of bunched conductors, wherein said first component is adapted to receive conductors of the at least one round cable with insulation thereon removed to provide bared conductors laterally separated from each other in a connection section provided inside the first component, and said second component is adapted to receive the flat cable, wherein electrically conducting contacting elements to which the conductors of the round cable connect and which include cutting tips for perforating insulation of the conductors and embedding in strands of the conductors of the flat cable, and a closing

lever coupled at a distance from the axis of rotation with the first component, said closing lever having a first end and a second end, said second end being arranged partially inside said first component and including a closing claw which is engagable with a stationary cam on the second component in such a way that the at least first component and second component move in a direction of closing to contact each other for reciprocal closing when the closing lever is actuated by action on said first end and to press the cutting tips into the conductors of the flat cable thereby connecting the flat cable and the round cable together upon actuation of the closing lever.

5. (Currently Amended) A cable connector comprising a housing made up of at least two components including a first component and a second component which are movable angularly about an axis of rotation with respect to each other so as to come into contact with each other ~~about an axis of rotation~~ and simultaneously provide for electrically conducting connection, when present therein, of a flat cable having a plurality of bunched conductors with at least one round cable composed of a plurality of bunched conductors, wherein said first component is adapted to receive conductors of the at least one round cable with insulation thereon removed to provide bared conductors laterally

separated from each other in a connection section provided inside the first component, and said second component is adapted to receive the flat cable, wherein electrically conducting contacting elements to which the conductors of the round cable connect and which include cutting tips for perforating insulation of the conductors and embedding in strands of the conductors of the flat cable, and a closing lever coupled at a distance from the axis of rotation with the first component, said closing lever having a first end and a second end, said second end being arranged partially inside said first component and including a closing claw which is engagable with a stationary cam on the second component in such a way that the at least first component and second component move in a direction of closing to contact each other for reciprocal closing when the closing lever is actuated by action on said first end and to press the cutting tips into the conductors of the flat cable thereby connecting the flat cable and the round cable together upon actuation of the closing lever, wherein the closing lever has a U-shaped configuration ~~and extends across one of the at least two components which carries the lever,~~ and sides of the closing lever are coupled to the one of the at least two components and each side includes a

closing claw which operates in conjunction with an associated one of said stationary cam.

6. (Previously Presented) The cable connector as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first component comprises a cover component and an intermediate component positioned below the cover component for receiving conductors of the round cable which are not bared and which are to be connected, wherein the contacting elements have cutting tips, which extend upward and downward for penetrating strands of the round cable and the flat cable, are mounted and retained in the intermediate component such that the cutting tips project from two surfaces of the intermediate component opposite the cover component such that when sandwich-like assembly of the cover component, the intermediate component, and the second component is provided by the closing lever moving the first component and the second component into contact with each other, electric connection is automatically established between said cover component, said intermediate component and the second component.

7. (Previously Presented) The cable connector as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first component comprises a cover component and an intermediate component positioned below the cover component for receiving conductors of the

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round cable which are not bared and which are to be connected, wherein the contacting elements have cutting tips, which extend upward and downward for penetrating strands of the round cable and the flat cable, are mounted and retained in the intermediate component such that the cutting tips project from two surfaces of the intermediate component opposite the cover component such that when sandwich-like assembly of the cover component, the intermediate component, and the second component is provided by the closing lever moving the first component and the second component into contact with each other, electric connection is automatically established between said cover component, said intermediate component and the second component.